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**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The invention relates to a convertible vehicle comprising a retractable top, in particular a folding top, comprising a top compartment receiving the top in its open position, wherein the top compartment is closable by a top compartment lid extending within the rear carbody contour, wherein between the lid and the top stowable within the top compartment a holding-down device is provided that can be placed onto the top upon closing the top compartment lid according to the preamble of claim 1.

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### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Based on a convertible vehicle of the aforementioned kind according to the preamble of claim 1, the invention solves this problem in that the holding-down device comprises a counter member supported on the top compartment lid and a support part movable with the top and connectable to the counter member in the folded-down position of the top with the features of the characterizing portion of claim 1. With regard to important additional configurations, reference is being had to the dependent claims 2 to 12.

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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Further details and advantages of the invention result from the following description and the drawings that illustrate one embodiment of the top according to the invention in the form of a folding top in more detail. The drawings show in:

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**DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS**

In Fig. 1, the convertible vehicle identified as a whole at 1 is illustrated in a perspective view wherein its folding top 2 that is in the closed position comprises a rear window 4 positioned rearwardly in the area of the roof skin 3 that extends across the passenger compartment. The rear area of the roof skin 3 rests below the rear window 4 on the top compartment lid 8 (Fig. 5) that is positioned together with the trunk lid 5 substantially within a common plane. By means of this top compartment lid 8 that extends essentially U-shaped within the rear carbody contour, the top compartment 6 for receiving the top 2 can be closed.